

NEW DEMOCRATIC

County Central Committee Met Tuesday and Organized

The County Democratic Central Committee met at the Bank of Keytesville Tuesday and organized by re-electing the old officers, M. W. Anderson, chairman; R. D. Edwards, secretary and L. H. Herring, treasurer. There were present in person and proxy the following: B. F. Laughlin, Mendon with proxy of Vince Gladbach of Salt Creek; T. E. Donnivan, Cunningham, T. H. Carskadon, Bowling Green; J. D. Ford, Mussel Fork with proxy for Mathew Clark of Clark; H. B. Richardson proxy for C. O. Houston, Wayland; A. S. Rucker, proxy for Don Brum-mall, Salisbury; M. W. Anderson Keytesville with proxy for C. W. McAlister, Triplett, and also proxy for Jas. Kelley of Cockrell.

There was no other business transacted, but the committee-men present spent a pleasant time chatting over events of the recent primary and incidentally discussing the plans for getting out the vote at the general election.

Report Harned Escaped

The report is current that Carl Harned who was taken from here last Wednesday, a week ago, bound for Montgomery City with a representative of the sheriff's office at that place, escaped from the officer at Mexico, doubled on his trail and was bound west when last seen. Harned was arrested here for the alleged stealing of \$50 at Montgomery City. The sheriff from Montgomery City came for him and it was reported that at Mexico, Harned knocked the Sheriff down and made his getaway. It is further said that he passed through here on a fast train and wig-wagged some of his acquaintances at the depot as he went bound westward. Sheriff O'Bryan said Monday morning that he knew nothing of the affair. He had not been notified of anything of this kind. If the young man had escaped nearly a week ago it is probable that he would have heard of it. He likewise had heard the report but was inclined to discredit it.

Increase in Revenue.

The decrease in imports as a result of the war in Europe will necessitate increasing revenue on something, according to Washington officials. If the deficit threatened by the loss of duty on imports is as great as expected, the revenue on whiskey, beer, coffee and tea will be increased by stamp act. Will dry territory escape the burden. But in any event, what would our country do in case of emergency if it were not for these commodities which sell readily for cash. Then too, consumers pay without grumbling about a slight advance in price. What alternative would a suffragist suggest?

With Intent to Kill

An affidavit for the arrest of B. F. Littler for assault with intent to kill was sworn out by Edmond Littler before Justice Clarkson and T. J. Littler was placed under arrest. The affidavit alleges the attempt to kill T. J. Littler with an automatic 12-gage shotgun.

Big School Money.

The amount Missouri schools will receive this year \$1,930,050. This is the largest amount ever distributed in one year. This county will get \$15,799.

Funeral of Mrs. Wilson

The wife of the President was interred at her old home town, Rome, Ga. in Myrtle Hill cemetery in the family vault, Wednesday, after the simplest of services in the east room of the White House Tuesday afternoon. Members of the families of the President and his wife, Cabinet and Congressional delegations were grouped around the silver gray casket while Rev. J. H. Taylor, the Washington pastor of the Presbyterian church read scriptural passages and spoke the Presbyterian prayer for the dead, and Rev. Dr. Sylvester Beach, the pastor of the Princeton Presbyterian church delivered an extemporaneous prayer.

There were no honorary pallbearers, six veteran police of the Capitol acting as pallbearers, nor was there any ostentatious display in any particular. All the government departments were closed as well as the business houses in the city out of great respect for the dead. There were great and numerous floral pieces taken along with the bier, and along the route from Washington to the destination of the funeral cortege, great crowds gathered and silently mingled their sorrow with the bereaved ones. Short services were held at the vault, and the President and party returned on the evening train to the Capitol.

Wanted Concerts Postponed.

There was a desire on the part of some of the residents that the band postpone its concert this week on account of the revival. The members of the band did not feel that they should do so. There are several reasons. One is that the director would not be able to come here again to direct the remaining concerts and the program prepared needed his presence. Another reason is that there are people here who would rather hear a band concert than go to church Thursday night when there is an opportunity to go to the church at any other night during the week. There is still another reason that the band men feel that their organization should not be expected to give way to everything that comes to town and their schedule disarranged. It is unfortunate that these controversies arise.

Select Teachers.

The school board met Tuesday evening and selected teachers for the primary and second grades to succeed Misses Walther and Davis, resigned. The board selected Miss Myrtle Miller for the primary grade and Miss Helen Thrash for the second grade work. They also selected a teacher for the colored school. There are several applicants for the place of principal but no selection will be made until more can be learned of the candidates for the place.

Mrs. Harriett Knight.

The remains of Mrs. Harriett D. Knight, wife of D. D. Knight of Brunswick, were brought to Keytesville Sunday and buried in the city cemetery. The death of Mrs. Knight occurred Friday, August 7, at her home in Brunswick and was due to cancer. She was 55 years of age.

Adopt Child

A contract for the adoption of Rosa M. Carter by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Matthews has been filed for record. The instrument is dated August 10 and recites that Joseph E. Carter and wife give over and relinquish their rights as parents of Rosa Carter to the adopters, Mr. and Mrs. Matthews.

SHOT FATHER, MOTHER AND AUNT

Ben Littler Invades Parents Home With Automatic Gun and 2 Big Revolvers. Arrested on Premises after being Disarmed and Lodged in Jail. Gives Bail.

Friday evening about 6 o'clock the neighborhood of Pee Dee was thrown into a fever of excitement by the report which spread quickly that Ben Littler had shot his father and mother, and an aunt by the name of Burnett who was a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Littler, the victims of a charge of shot from an automatic gun in the hands of their son Ben.

Dr. Rice of Mussel Fork was hastily summoned and found Tom Littler's right arm torn off at the elbow, the lower arm and hand hanging merely by a few lacerated muscles, and Mrs. Littler with 21 number 5 shot in her back and Mrs. Burnett with her foot badly shot. Mrs. Littler and Mrs. Burnett were in range of the load which tore Tom Littler's arm off, being not more than 25 feet from the gun when it was discharged. Mrs. Littler escaped being killed outright by the greater part of the charge of shot striking her husband's arm. Dr. Rice administered first aid and summoned Drs. Zillman and Singleton to perform the operation on Tom Littler's arm. Dr. Zillman assisted by Drs. Rice and Singleton amputated the right arm above the elbow in a short time after the wound was inflicted.

The facts are about as follows. During the late afternoon Mrs. Tom Littler sent her daughter aged about 20 over to her son Bens home to get Benjamin Welch, father of Mrs. Littler who lives with her son Ben, to come over. Passers by saw Ben Littler talking to the young woman in an angry and threatening manner in his yard, and suspected that there was trouble in the air about something. The young woman left for home by a circuitous route, and it appears that Ben immediately armed himself and took a short course through the fields to the home of his parents. Arrived there he found his parents and Mrs. Burnett in the yard, and immediately an altercation between him and his father began. Here the reports begin to differ materially, but the fact remains without more to do, the gun was discharged with the results above mentioned. Edmond Littler who had just arrived with his team and was unhitching across the fence from where the

shooting took place, jumped over the fence when he heard what Ben, his brother, was saying to his father, but was not in time to prevent the discharge of the gun which was pointed at his fathers breast. He leaped upon his brother and a scuffle for the possession of the gun began which extended down the yard to near the front gate, when Edmond secured the gun and struck Ben a blow over the right side of the head which bent the barrel of the gun. He then took the two large revolvers which Ben carried from him and drove him from the yard to the road. Edmond tried to get to the phone to call for help, all the others on the place having disappeared but Ben would return to the yard and towards him, until he finally shot in his direction and pretty close to him and told him if he returned to the yard he would shoot to kill, which had the desired effect and he got to the phone. Ben went to the rear of the premises where he lingered until the arrival of Deputy Sheriff Freeman Prather who placed him under arrest. The sheriff was on his way with chief deputy Hurt in Dr. Zillman's automobile to bring the prisoner to jail, but Prather thought best to get him away without delay and secured Ad Embrees machine and passed the sheriff on his way to town without either discovering it.

There are several motives alleged for the occurrence, and since the preliminary trial will take place and develop sufficient facts on which to form a reasonable conclusion, we refrain from going into further details, especially since Ben Littler claims that the discharge of the gun was accidental. He secured bail Saturday evening and returned to his home, the charge against him being assault with intent to kill and his father and mother being out of danger of death from their wounds.

Wm. D. Moore and John D. Taylor signed the \$2000 bond required by the sheriff and Littler was liberated Saturday evening, returning to his home Sunday afternoon.

Littler executed a mortgage on his property to indemnify bondsmen.

Old Settlers Re-Union

A number of our citizens have expressed the wish to have an "Old Settlers Re-union" at the Camp Ground at Brunswick, but at which all political speech-making shall be barred. All of the old Settlers who would like to join in for a jovial good old time, are requested to write to Judge Lloyd Herring, Brunswick, Mo. and give name and postoffice address so that notice may be sent to each if the move should materialize.

Refused to Support

Nellie M. Stapp has sued John R. Stapp for divorce. They married at Keytesville in 1889 and lived together until 1914.

Revival In Progress

The Baptist church is holding a revival service that will be in progress for at least two weeks from the beginning, Monday of this week. That means that the services will continue at least until the last of next week. The local pastor, Rev. Russell has the assistance of Rev. H. H. Hulten of Oklahoma City, Okla. where he is pastor of the Oklahoma City Baptist church, one of the four largest churches of the denomination in the United States. The church has a membership of 2000 persons. Rev. Hulten arrived Monday and began his services with a strong sermon. He has been drawing a full house since and each night the church is filled to capacity to hear his flow of eloquence and logic. The local pastor reports the attendance excellent with much interest in the meetings. Meetings are held both afternoon and evening of each day excepting Sunday, when the usual services are held in each church. Rev. Hulten goes to Paris, Mo. Sunday to be the opening feature of the chautauqua program there. The minister has been a drawing card here because of his ability as an orator and minister. He has a large acquaintance owing to the fact that he preached in Keytesville one year, coming here 17 years ago, and then went to Salisbury for a year. Then he went to a seminary to study, took charges at Kansas City, Charlotte, N. C. and later at Oklahoma City.

Too Much Mustard

The Bell baseball team emboldened by a near-victory of Friday of last week came back to Keytesville Monday and contracted for an agreed sum to defeat the local boys if they would agree to put Hansman in the box and keep him there for nine innings. The locals took them on and cleaned up 17 to 6. The features of the game were the raps given one Dr. Osler when Louie Hansman and Frank Hill "came back" and played star games. Hansman remained in the box for nine innings and did effective work for the full time. He was good enough that the visitors never got a look at the money. Frank Hill tipped one into the field that looked like a single. It would have been for any ordinary person but not for manager Hill. He hit first and then started for second. When half way to second base he threw himself into the air, gracefully alighted on one hip and slid to second. It was safe and for two bags. Frank lost a little skin and acquired a limp for the following day but succeeded in tying Hansman for the honors of the game. Collett and Schumacher were battery for the visitors.

Farm Advisers

The College of Agriculture of the U. of M. is ready to appoint four more farm advisers by September 1. A quarter of the salary of each adviser is paid by the College of Agriculture, a quarter by the government and the remaining half is to be paid by the county employing such adviser. The minimum salary is \$2000 per annum and no appointment will be made until after September 1 up to which time all applications for the advisers will be given like consideration.

The state auditor intends starting legal proceedings to recover about \$25,000 in alleged illegal fees awarded appraisers of estates subject to the collateral inheritance tax, in the probate court which have been allowed by probate Judge C. W. Holtcamp of St. Louis.

MORE DIVORCE SUITS

Cupid Gets a Few In Solar Plexus—Pankey Case Reversed

The cases to the next term of circuit court are being filed. Quite a few of them are histories of domestic infelicity. They are in some cases of persons who have been married but a short time and Cupid seems to have had a decidedly hard time of it. Lillie Reicher sues Lave Reicher for divorce on the ground of cruelty, etc. She says she married Reicher in 1910 and lived with him two years and a half when she quit. She has a daughter a year and a half old and asks for custody of the child.

G. M. Level sues Emma Level for divorce. They were married in Randolph county and lived together for sixteen years. They have two children and the husband asks custody of these. He says his wife has been abusive, has been profane and sought bad company, has gone to dances and remained away from home all night, mixed with people who were bibulous and sometimes herself was intoxicated.

One of the strangest stories of degeneracy comes in the case of Maggie Kaiser against Jo Kaiser. Mrs. Kaiser was married in September 1912 and lived with her husband only three months. She alleges that he permitted his daughter by a former marriage to associate with and have illicit relations with a negro named Bap Price in the house where they lived. She remonstrated and he told her to mind her own business. She alleges she could not stand any more of this and quit.

The case of James Lawton vs. Walter Ridgeway, editor of the Howard County Advertiser for libel, was brought here from Howard county on change of venue. Lawton sued Ridgeway for forecasting a finding of an indictment against him for permitting minors to play pool in his pool hall. It seems that the true bill was never found. Lawton wants \$10,000 damages. Lydia J. Garnett et al. sues James P. Garnett et al. for partition of lot 13 in Rothwell excepting a plat of ground 100 x 150 feet.

The case of the estate of Thomas Pankey vs. The A. T. & S. F. R. R. was reversed by the court of appeals and remanded. The case was where Pankey a brakeman was killed by a train on the road employing him and the estate sued under the Employers' Liability Act. They got a verdict of \$5000 and the court of appeals set it aside as not being justified by the facts show in evidence.

George Staubus sues the Phoenix Insurance Co. for \$1100 for insurance on a building at Brunswick destroyed by fire May 12 this year. The building was insured for \$2500 and housed a restaurant, photograph gallery and residence. The plaintiff alleges damages to the extent of \$1200 and refusal on part of defendant to pay.

Brakie Robbed Boys

Two boys boarded a freight train at St. Louis and enroute to Moberly they claim they were held up by a brakeman and robbed. They say the brakeman lined them up twice and searched them, getting \$10 in cash and some other things. The robbery occurred in St. Charles county but the Moberly officers went to the railway yards with the boys to identify their man.